



CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk's Office 7/1/2021 5:30:00 PM

Special Meeting Agenda~

I hereby notify you that the following items of business have been filed with this office and can be acted upon at the meeting of the City Council **Tuesday July 6, 2021** at 05:30 PM.

City Clerk

Call To Order

5:30PM Meeting called to order on July 6, 2021 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Open Session

The City Council will begin the meeting in Open Session and will move into Executive Session upon an affirmative roll call vote. The Council will reconvene in Open Session.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where the Chair declares that such discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body to reconvene in Open Session.

Open Session

Orders

- () Order to Continue Retaining Legal Counsel - Conservation Law Foundation ()

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order for Continued Engagement of Outside Counsel (PDF)

Order Authorizing the continued legal representation of the City Council and its individual members by the Conservation Law Foundation, in the matter of Palmer Renewable Energy, LLC v. Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Springfield, et al. Land Court Case No. 21 PS 000331

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council previously engaged the legal services of the Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) to represent the body as its attorney in a certain Zoning Board of Appeals matter heard on April 28th, 2021 and May 5th, 2021 (the “ZBA Action”), which was appealed to the Land Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on June 17th, 2021, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 17, in case No. 21 PS 000331, (“Land Court Appeal”); and

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council and its individual members have been named as party defendants in the Land Court Appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council now desires to have CLF continue to represent the Council body and its individual members as their attorney in the Land Court Appeal, under the same terms and conditions agreed to for representation in the ZBA Action; and

WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Springfield hereby authorizes and approves the engagement of CLF to represent the Council body and its individual members as their attorney in the Land Court Appeal, under the same terms and conditions agreed to for the ZBA Action.